





We learn that Hon. Jesse Harper of Danville, is being mentioned as a probable candidate for governor. As an orator he is without equals or imitators; as a legislator he is as clear as crystal, and as a statesman he is equalled by none. His lively imagination, fervid oratory, and great endurance of voice and power of lungs would make him a great attraction as a stump speaker during the Centennial campaign.—*Champaign Gazette.*

We have been at something of a loss to find a man whom we could harp for a vim, but the above suggests the right man. "Uncle Jesse" would make the prairies ring with his eloquence, especially if he were to trot out that "snoring horse of Jove" a few times. Give us Jesse!

Mr. Jack, of Decatur, arose in the Farmer's class meeting at Bloomington a few days ago, and explained to the brethren why he had voted for Speaker Haines—the worst Speaker of the worst legislature Illinois ever had. He supposed Haines was a good man for the place, but he soon found out better, and he now acknowledged his blunder, and was willing to be forgiven—whereupon Farmer Jack was admitted to be a very proper person for Treasurer on the independent ticket.—*Decatur Journal.*

There you go again! Haven't we told you time and again, that Farmer Jack went to Bloomington to engineer Mr. Pickrell's chances for the treasurer-ship? It's too bad that a man's motives should be so outrageously misrepresented.

The Springfield Journal is responsible for the story that an old speckled hen was at the express office in that city Thursday, that was sent by some wag of an expressman away up in Minnesota, nearly two years ago, directed to "The Vinegar-faced Maiden of Lowell, Mass." She has been on her travels by express ever since and has visited almost every State in the Union. She is by no means handsome, but cackles and lays her eggs and seems altogether happy with her lot.

A GREAT contest between labor and capital is imminent in England. The Amalgamated Engineers, a powerful union that controls 30,000 skilled hands and about 100,000 second-rate mechanics, object to the introduction of piece work, by which the wages of the weaker workmen would be much reduced, and stand ready to strike at a moment. Indeed, 170 employees have already struck. The employers are determined to enforce their demands.—The workmen are of a class not easily replaced, and the serious shock their strike would give to business should be a matter of thought before either side take action. The Welsh colliers are also on the verge of uprising. A little arbitration and kindly sympathy between the employers and employees would undoubtedly avert such consequences, such as attend every strike.

A SOUTHERN paper says that the Hon. Anthony Thornton will remove to Kentucky in the spring. He has purchased a farm in Bourbon county, and will occupy it with his family. Judge Thornton represented the district of which Shelby was a part, in 1856. He resigned the high position of Judge of the Supreme Court, some two years or so ago, for the purpose of resuming the practice of law, and now he gives up a lucrative business in that line to become a farmer. He has several times refused a nomination for Congress in his district when such nomination was equivalent to election. He is, perhaps, the only man (with one other exception) in the State of Illinois who will not accept the position of Representative in Congress. The Judge's course indicates that he feels that ambition is a glorious cheat, that it is all vanity and vexation of spirit, and that to till the ground and earn a living by the sweat of the brow is one of the most desirable callings.

BRICK POWERS, in transplanting his Democrat from New York to Chicago, says in his editorial columns that he is going to occupy a region higher than the mistiness of the Chicago Times, but in another article shows that he can more than rival the Times in square downright champaign lying. He has a long story about a rally on New Year's day at South Bend, for a stove, in which he says that Mr. Colfax took two tickets and won the stove. It is hardly necessary to state that this story was manufactured out of whole cloth, as there was no rally for a stove here, and we know that Mr. Colfax never had tickets in any rally in his life. While Brick Powers was carrying his brains to invent this lie, New Year's night, Mr. Colfax was lecturing at Mishawaka without charge, for the poor.—*South Bend Tribune.*

WHAT ANDERSONVILLE WAS.

To begin with, Andersonville was merely a railway station—not a town. A stockade, surrounding about ten or twelve acres of cleared ground, had been constructed, thus forming a pen; a piece of forest had been cleared—the trees felled had been planted like posts in the ground (thus forming a protection wall), and—this was Andersonville. Union prisoners were put through the huge gate, in this tree fence, and were in Andersonville prison. No building, no shed, no tree, no shrub in the entire inclosure! And here, in all kinds of weather, the heavy rain, followed by the burning sun, the poor captives, half-starved and half-clothed, dragged out weary months.

So there was simply a huge clearing, an open air spot, for a war-prison. The rebel guards had quarters outside, and their batteries were located upon eminences overlooking the road, ready at any moment to send their store of deadly shot and shell into the crowded mass of dying, abject mortals, whose only sin was that of trying to protect their country's rights.

The sentries paced their beats (little platforms running along the stockade), and watched the death-line. This was a line running about twenty feet from the fence; to approach it was death, and, as the sentries were given a furlough for killing any of the prisoners, they didn't stop to make exact calculations; if a man was anywhere near the line, and the sentry happened to want a furlough, the rifle would do its deadly work.

The stream which Congressman Hill talks of was a miserable little ditch. It passed through the stockade-den, from west to east, after having first passed through the Rebel camp. The reader may know what that means. The refuse of the camp went into the little brook, and then passed through the den—and this vile disease-breeding, loathsome stuff was all that the Union soldiers had to drink, and all that they had to wash in; and to approach this they were obliged to wade through 100 feet of dirty bog, or marshy ground, which lined the brook, sinking to their knees nearly at every step. The reader must think what all this means; the mere words don't express it. And in this inclosure were confined at one time

THIRTY THREE THOUSAND MEN, each a walking skeleton, with no life, no hope—nothing but a crushed and broken spirit! They were crowded so closely together that it was almost impossible for one to lie down without touching another.

What pen can describe the sufferings! Huddled together, insufficiently clothed, covered with vermin, slowly starving, with no hope before them, it is to be wondered at that old Andersonville prisoners feel their blood tingling, even at this late day, when they hear a Congressman upon the floor of the House over the den with almost a halo of glory? During June, 1864, it rained for twenty-seven days. The showers were followed by the fierce heat of the burning sun. Not a shred of shade anywhere! What followed? The poor fellows who were barefooted and half-naked saw their skin dry up like parchment—crack open; gangrene set in, and the loathsome ailment ate off fingers, toes, feet, and legs. No medical attendance—not even a little shade to hide the swollen, blistering, bleeding, mortifying bodies from the scorching sun! Men whose feet were swollen to double size, and cracked with the parching sun, used to sit all day long with a strip of cloth or an old coat (if they could get it) thrown over their feet to ward off the blaze.

THE LIBERTY-SEEKERS. Of course there was scheming for liberty. Men would tunnel the ground, and after weary nights of labor would, with forenoon light, find the road underground, beyond the fence, ready. In the stillness of the night, a dash for liberty would be made. Early in the morning those left behind, could hear the

TRACKING OF THE BLOODHOUNDS. The Rebels called the roll of the detachments (all were in divisions and detachments), and, if any one failed to answer, the bloodhounds were set loose, and the poor fellow was generally sure to come back, almost killed.

THE RATIONS. About noon every day wagons of provisions would trundle into camp, and the halfstarved fellows would fall in, in detachments, for rations, and this food was brought in in the wagons that were used for carrying the dead bodies to be buried. Once per day these were served. Each man received one handful of baked beans, a piece of bread about two inches square, and a piece of boiled mule or horse's tripe larger, and was to eat the rations! A part of this supply was cooked—a put raw; to those who secured it raw it was intended to give food to cook it by; but notwithstanding the immense forests just beyond, wood was not given in sufficient quantities, and the prisoners were obliged to dig down into the earth for roots and dry them in the sun in order to be able to cook their food.

NO TREES. And this answers Mr. Hill, who claimed that there were shade trees in the vicin.

THE DEATH-RATE.

was enormous, naturally. Every advantage was given disease. The poor fellows would drop off at the rate of fifty or sixty per day. The Union men were obliged to bury their own dead, and sometimes when there was unusual work to perform, were offered extra rations for doing it.

The vignette of this extraordinary winter of 1876 are absurd enough on this side of the Atlantic, but on the other side they have worn a more serious aspect. All through the holidays New York was enveloped in a London fog, and the free soup atmosphere suggested thoughts of "one in the heart of every true-born Briton who happened to be in the American metropolis. But in Europe nature has apparently been seeking to make herself good, for the exceptional mildness of the season here. France complains bitterly of the cold, and Germany has been buried under the snow for some weeks. But it is in Russia that the weather has been most terribly severe. Acustomed as they are to a very low temperature, the people remember nothing like the rigor of this winter. In St. Petersburg the thermometer marks thirty-two degrees below zero, centigrade (fifty-two below zero Fahrenheit) every day; "the frozen gas lamps give out a vague and insufficient light; the wheels of the vehicles crunch horribly through the snow; the faces of the unlucky cab-drivers and workmen who are obliged to face the polar air, present nothing but a blue surface surrounded with icicles; foot passengers go at a full run, covering their faces with thick fur; the conversation turns solely upon the state of the atmosphere; the head becomes heavy, and at last languor overcomes everyone in spite of the artificial heat of the stove." One or two more such seasons as this will go far towards convincing the czar of the desirability of carrying out the programme of his father and removing his capital to Constantinople. If he waits for other powers to drive the Turk out of Europe, there is danger that his majesty will freeze to death during the interim.

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CINCINNATI, Jan. 23.—The Gazette's special, says Edward Williams, who, with Mrs. Meeling, was arrested for the murder of the latter's husband, was taken from the jail last night, at Baraboreville, West Virginia, and hanged by a mob. The parties were surrounded by a minister that sufficient evidence of their guilt had been obtained, and the jail was surrounded by an excited mob. Both denied any complicity in the act, although the minister continued prayer with them and asking a confession. The mob finally took the key from the jailer, took Williams out, placed him under a tree in the court yard, with a rope around his neck and standing on a barrel. He made a confession, expressed a hope that the crowd might obtain God's forgiveness for their crime, as he had for his, and declared he was happily started on his journey home to heaven. He died after fifteen minutes of terrible agony. Mrs. Meeling was then brought out, and placing her in front of the dead murderer, the crowd called for her confession. She said that Williams had been her paramour for three years; that she had for the past three months been trying to poison her husband, but without success; that Williams struck Meeling on the head with an axe, while he was asleep, on Wednesday night, afterwards cutting his throat; she assisted in destroying the evidences of the murder and in burying Meeling. She accused herself of being the cause of the murder, but begged pitifully for her life. Though the feeling was very strong against her and the crowd voted unanimously for her execution, no man was found who would put the rope around a woman's neck, and she was returned to jail. Williams' body was left hanging until cut down by the authorities this morning.

New York, January 23.—The Sunday Mercury announces that a council, composed of the most eminent Congressional divines, has been organized to inquire as to the fitness of Mr. Beecher to remain in the denomination. About forty churches have been invited to send a clerical and lay delegate each. The movers are said to be Dr. Leonard Bacon, Dr. Bartlett, of Chicago, and Dr. Dexter, of Boston. A letter from Bartlett declares all investigation shall be open and the testimony simple. Plymouth church is invited to send some one to represent her pastor. The witnesses are likely to be Ralph, Mr. B. Washburn, Eugene Tilton, Mrs. Moulton, and Mrs. Stanton. The statement is given for what it's worth.

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